

On April 7, 1832 in Chester County, Penn., was born a son to John Baum and Hanna Crimson Baum, who was to influence the history of Wasatch County, Utah. The Baum parents named their son Isaac. When Joseph Smith, the founder of the L. D. S. Church, came to Pennsylvania, Isaac's parents believed and cast their lot with him.

Whatever persecutions the early day "Mormons" suffered, Isaac endured along with the others. He moved with his parents to Nauvoo in 1840. Although only a boy, he was a member of the Nauvoo Legion and was on guard duty at the time of the assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith.

When driven from Nauvoo the Baum family lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa until 1850 when they came to Utah. Their first home was in Provo. It was here Isaac met and married Melissa Sessions in 1856. About this time a handcart company of Utah pioneers became lost. The weather was so severe that grave concern was felt for their safety. Isaac Baum was one of the volunteers who went to their aid.

In the Spring of 1859 the company of men who planned the settlement of Heber Valley had Isaac as one of their number. Just prior to their leaving for Heber, Isaac was called to go to Green River to guard immigrant trains and settlers from Indian depredations. Two years later, when he was released, he came at once to Heber, where he lived until his death on Nov. 19, 1920. He served in both the Black Hawk and Walker Indian Wars. His influence extended to the church he served. He is remembered and respected for his many services.

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**BAUM, ISAAC** (son of John C. Baum and Hannah Crisman). Born April 7, 1832, Union township, Chester county, Pa. Came to Utah 1850, independent company.

Married Melissa Sessions May 6, 1856 (daughter of Richard Sessions and Lucretia Hawks), who was born March 11, 1838. Their children: Louisa Maria b. April 26, 1857, m. Chauncey C. Lee June 27, 1876, d. Oct. 27, 1896; Isaac Richard b. Aug. 17, 1860, m. Gabriella Ivie Feb. 1-90; Melissa Aralitta b. Dec. 25, 1862, m. William H. Murdock July 25, 1881; John William b. June 3, 1865, m. Maria Hickens; Hannah Lucretia b. May 23, 1867, d. Aug. 25, 1883; Eliza Jane b. Dec. 20, 1869, d. Aug. 17, 1872; Ada May b. June 11, 1872, d. July 15, 1872; Mary Elizabeth b. Aug. 10, 1873, m. David C. Hanks Dec. 6, 1893; Sarah Emeline b. Jan. 3, 1876, m. William G. Welke Dec. 13, 1910; David Alexander b. Oct. 3, 1878, d. Nov. 17, 1879; Rachel Isabel b. Sept. 13, 1880.

Assisted in bringing immigrants to Utah. Indian war veteran. High councillor, in 1st organization of Wasatch Stake.



Isaac Baum, the son of John Baum and Hannah Crisman, was born April 7, 1832, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He lived a mile from the Carthage Jail at Nauvoo, Ill.



nois. Mormon missionaries held their meetings throughout the county and Isaac's parents were converted by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Whatever persecutions the early day Mormons suffered, Isaac endured along with the others.

Isaac moved with his parents to Nauvoo in 1840. Although only a boy, he was on guard duty at the time Joseph and Hyrum Smith were assassinated. He writes:

"On June 27, 1844, I was helping my father cultivate the corn when shots were heard. I called to father saying, 'They have killed the prophet' and father asked, 'How do you know they have killed the Prophet?' I said, 'I heard the shooting.' Father told me to go to the house and tell mother to have his clothes laid out for he was going to town. When I got home, mother was starting for a bucket of water to start the noon meal and when I met her I said, 'Oh, mother they have killed the Prophet' and she said, 'My son, I fear they have.' I took the brass bucket and got the water from the well, and as I came back and gave it to her, and as she looked in the bucket she said, 'Son, there is blood in this water, throw it out and get some more.' The water was much better this time. A boy like I was, too excited to wait for father, and as I put the bucket down, I started away, calling back to mother, 'Tell father I have gone ahead.' Not taking time to go around by the road, I crawled through the fences, back yards, and arrived at Carthage Jail, where a large crowd had gathered. I heard the militia shouting, profaning and boasting what they were going to do. The body of Joseph was sitting propped up by the old curb. One of the militia took hold of his hair and jerked his head up, and raised his sword which was sharp on both edges, but just then lightning came out of a clear sky and he dropped to the ground. The mob thought he was dead, so they galloped away on their horses, anyway to get away quickly.

"The Saints took the two bodies to the Temple. Funeral services were held on the Temple lawn. The caskets were taken back into the Temple before the journey to the cemetery began. Father went with them and he said he remembered seeing Emma Smith, wife of the Prophet march and carried flowers, which she placed on the graves."

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was in Provo where Isaac met and married Melissa Sessions on May 12, 1856. She was born March 11, 1838, at Pisgah, Illinois. Soon after their marriage, they went to Fort Supply, now Fort Bridger, on a two-year mission.

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After he left Green River as a guard, he and his family came to Heber Valley and lived in a two-room log cabin until he could get his brick and stone house built on Main Street and Third North. He owned and ran the first threshing machine in the valley. He was known for his honesty and fair dealings among people who knew and loved him and his wonderful wife. His name is remembered and respected throughout the years. He died November 19, 1920, in Heber, Utah.

Isaac and Hannah Baum had a family of eleven children: Louisa Maria (Mrs. Chauncey C. Lee), Isaac Richard, Melissa Aralitta (Mrs. William H. Murdock), John William, Hannah Lucretia, Eliza Jane, Ada May, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Emeline, David Alexander and Rachel Isabel.

